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SUBJECT: CODEL GLENN VISIT TO KOREA

SUMMARY: SENATOR AND MRS. JOHN GLENN AND HIS CHIEF LEGIS-  
LATIVE ASSISTANT ON FOREIGN POLICY, ROY WERNER, DEPARTED  
SEOUL AUGUST 30 AFTER FOUR-DAY VISIT WHICH INCLUDED CALL  
ON KOREAN PRESIDENT, BRIEFINGS WITH U.S. AND ROK OFFICIALS,  
AND TOUR OF I CORPS, DMZ AND JOINT SECURITY AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CODEL VISIT (AUGUST 27-30), SENATOR GLENN AND  
AMBASSADOR MADE ONE HOUR CALL ON PRESIDENT PAK (AUG 30)  
AS WELL AS PRIMIN AND FONMIN (AUG 29). FOLLOWING BRIEFINGS  
AT UNC AND CALL ON GENERAL VESSEY, SENATOR AND MR. WERNER  
MET WITH MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE BEFORE PROCEEDING  
TO JUSMAG-K DISCUSSIONS. IN COURSE OF VISIT, SENATOR  
ALSO TALKED WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN PAK CHUN KYU (DRP),  
PAIK TU CHIN (YUCHONGHOE) AND NDP'S YI CHOL SUNG AT  
AMBASSADOR'S AUGUST 27 DINNER. MINISTER OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY ALSO HELD LUNCHEON FOR SENATOR, AMBASSADOR  
AND WERNER WHICH INCLUDED KAERI AND KNFDI OFFICIALS.

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2. UPON ARRIVING, SENATOR AND MRS. GLENN LAID WREATHS  
ON TOMBS OF UNKNOWN (KOREAN WAR) SOLDIERS AND MRS. PAK  
CHUNG HUI. ON FOLLOWING DAY, (AUGUST 28), SENATOR AND  
MR. WERNER TOURED I CORPS WITH LT. GENERAL CUSHMAN,  
FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL, A SOUTH KOREAN  
DEFENSIVE INSTALLATION (HILL 229), FLIGHT ALONG DMZ,  
AND BRIEFING WITH MRS. GLENN AT JOINT SECURITY AREA.

3. INCLUDED IN CODEL VISIT WAS BRIEFING BY EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM (AUGUST 29), MEETING WITH EMBASSY EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES, LUNCHEON WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HOSTED BY AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND TOUR OF DEFENSE INDUSTRIES RADIO CO-PRODUCTION FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF SEOUL PROPER, ACCOMPANIED BY JUSMAG CHIEF.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT, SENATOR GLENN HELD THIRTY-MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE AT VIP DEPARTURE LOUNGE, KIMPO AIRPORT. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS NOTED THAT SENATOR "WARNED AGAINST MISINTERPRETATION (BY NORTH) OF US DEFENSE COMMITMENT," AND THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED PROJECTED WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS AND "COMPENSATORY PACKAGE" DURING STAY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HELD PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT PAK WHICH INCLUDED TOPICS SUCH AS "AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH KOREA, PAK TONG-SUN CASE, COMPENSATORY PACKAGE, AND NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS AS ENERGY SOURCE." WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER ON PAK TONG-SUN, SENATOR NOTED AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE DISTRESSED BY SCANDALS AND THAT THIS NATURALLY WOULD AFFECT US/KOREA RELATED MATTERS. KOREA TIMES QUOTED HIM AS SAYING "CASE WOULD NOT HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON LONG TERM (U.S.) COMMITMENT TO KOREA."

5. PRESS HAS GIVEN FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO VISIT INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. GLENN'S CALL ON PRESIDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAK'S DAUGHTER.  
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